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# **NEWS BRIEFS**

## **2015 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo**

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If you are looking for timely information on any number of ranching topics, check out our lineup of session speakers, participate in hands-on demonstrations and learn during our full roster of programs in the School for Successful Ranching.

Vicente Fox, president of Mexico from 2000 to 2006, will be the keynote speaker at the opening general session on March 28. He will share stories of his prior experiences working to build a strong relationship between the U.S. and Mexico. Fox will also take questions from cattle raisers at the close of his speech.



To find out what's in store for you at the largest ranching and landowner event in Texas, visit tscra.org and click on the Cattle Raisers Convention button.

# **TSCRA Greets Legislators** at the State Capitol



THE 84TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION KICKED OFF JAN. 13 IN ▲ Austin. TSCRA was at the State Capitol visiting with state representatives, senators and staff. Jason Skaggs, TSCRA executive director of Government Affairs, was glad to present State Rep. DeWayne Burns with a personalized TSCRA gate sign. We look forward to working with Rep. Burns and many others to make this legislative session a success for cattle raisers and landowners in Texas!

### **Cattle Raisers Visit Washington D.C.**



Association officers were on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., in January for the swearing-in of the 114th Congress. There was a little snow on the ground, but cattle raisers made their way around the halls of Congress visiting with federal elected officials.



Cattle Raisers enjoyed visiting with Chairman of the House Ag Committee Mike Conaway in Washington, D.C. Left to right, TSCRA President Pete Bonds, Chairman Mike Conaway, Second Vice President Bobby McKnight and First Vice President Richard Thorpe.

### **Regional Association Promotion Team Meets in Fort Worth**

SCRA's REGIONAL ASSOCIATION PROMOTION lacksquare (RAP) Team Leaders gathered in Fort Worth Jan. 16 to discuss ideas for developing and enhancing TSCRA membership opportunities for 2015.

RAP Team Leaders work to support and carry out the initiatives of the Association Promotion Committee. Many great ideas were discussed at the meeting, and participants look forward to hosting many great events in the coming year.



# **TSCRA Ranch Rodeo** Scheduled in Duncan. Okla., Feb. 13-14

SCRA WILL HOST A RANCH RODEO FEB. 13-14 AT THE STEPHENS L County Fair and Expo Center in Duncan, Okla. Each ranch rodeo performance will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The ranch rodeo will be held with the Oklahoma Horse Fair.



Events for the ranch rodeo will include ranch bronc riding, team branding, team doctoring and wild cow milking. TSCRA will also feature a special ladies breakaway roping event each night.

Tickets for each ranch rodeo performance may be purchased at the event on the night of the rodeo.

Tickets are \$8 each and kids under the age of 6 are free.

TSCRA has a limited number of open slots for ranch rodeo teams and the ladies breakaway roping on both nights of the rodeo. Entry forms for the ranch rodeo and breakaway roping can be found by visiting www.tscra.org/ranchrodeo. Each entry must be accompanied by signed liability waivers for each contestant.

For more information visit tscra.org and click on the ranch rodeo button or call 800-242-7820.

### Find Us on Instagram!

SCRA IS VERY EXCITED TO BE ON THE social media app Instagram! Find us @tscra to see what the association is doing for you and the cattle industry, and to view behindthe-scenes pictures and exclusive content from our upcoming Cattle Raisers Convention.



To download this popular free photo sharing app on your smartphone, visit your app store such as Google Play or iTunes and search "instagram" or go to instagram.com for more info.

### **TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR**

You're welcome to attend!

Feb. 13-14: TSCRA Ranch Rodeo, Duncan, Okla.

Feb. 17: Ranching 101: Topic — Cattle Health, Fort Worth

March 13: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Waxahachie

March 17: Ranching 101: Topic — 10 Things Every New or Small Producer Should Know, Fort Worth

### March 27-29: Cattle Raisers Convention, Fort Worth

April 21: Ranching 101: Topic — Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth

May 7-10: Western Heritage Classic, Abilene

July 18: TSCRA Ranch Rodeo, Levelland

### TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!





























